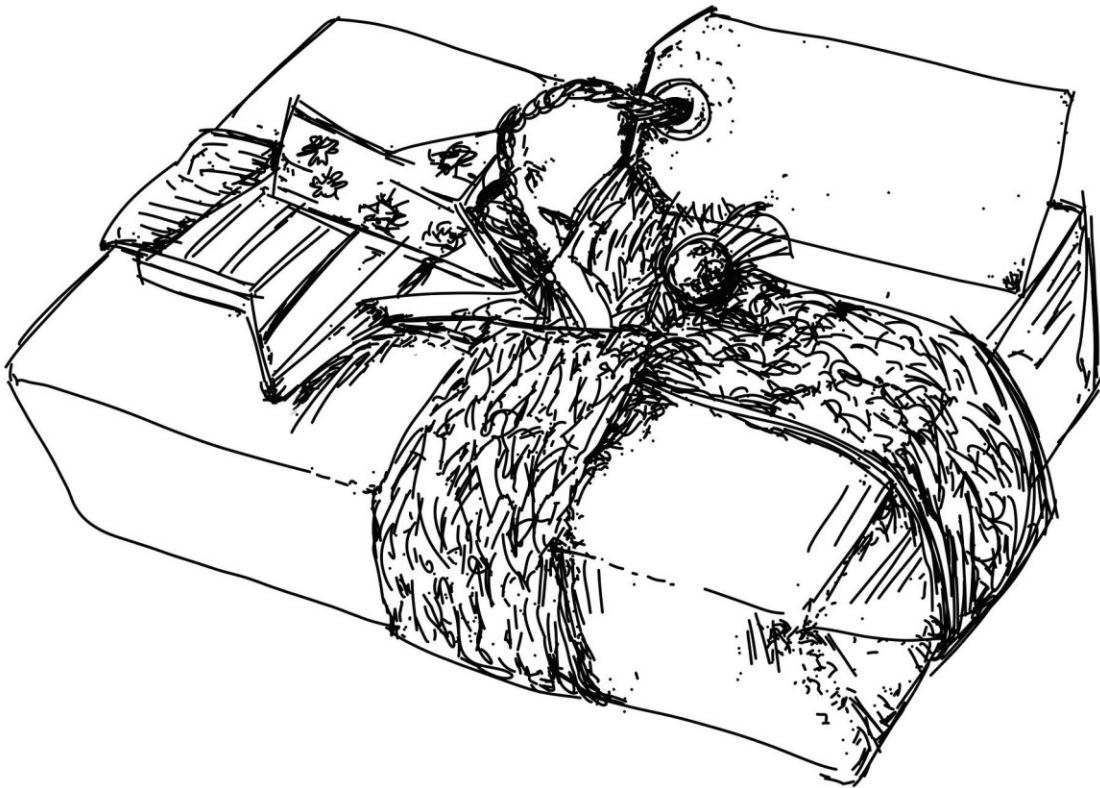


September 6, 2026

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"The Gift That Is In You"



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
Pastor for Discipleship

Rev. Betsy Rice
Pastor for Member
Ministries

Russell Nagy
Director of Music Ministries

Nicholas Robison
Director for Youth Ministries

Annie Barner
Director for Children's
Ministries

Kim Anderson, Organist

*Visit our website for a
complete list of WPC staff.*

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel
are given to the glory of God
by Nancy Jack in memory of
her husband, Tom Jack.*

Serving Us Today

**Usher Team C: John Smith
& Sue Funk, captains;**

Peggy Albright, Elaine
Christian, Debbie Dieringer
Tom & Kathy Hull, Dave
LaHue, Bill Leiter, Connie
Lewis, Mark Ranck, Marsha
Smith

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Debb Wilson

In Christ's love, we...

CONNECT ♦ SERVE ♦ TRANSFORM

Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Visiting for the first time today? After the service, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Children & Youth

Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery located outside Fellowship Hall.

On the first Sunday of the month, children Pre-K -3rd grade go to the chapel for "Wee Worship," while older children and youth stay in worship with their families and receive communion. Please pick your child up after the service.

Accessibility

Accessible features of the building include:

- Handicap parking near east and west entrances
- Wheelchair ramp at the main entrance
- Elevator access
- Multiple accessible restrooms
- T-coil hearing capabilities for those with compatible hearing aids
- Listening devices for the hearing impaired available



If you would like a large print bulletin and/or a hearing device, please see an usher.

Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on the pew prayer cards and place them in the offering plate.

Contact Us

Mon - Thurs: 8AM – 4PM; Fri: 8AM – 2PM

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Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Robert W. Thygerson
IN MUSIC Kim Anderson, organist

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Ps. 149)*

When the worship leader raises a hand, children may play their instruments.

One: Praise the Lord.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

One: Praise the Lord.

All: **Praise with tambourines and dance.**

One: Praise the Lord.

All: **Praise with full voices and open hearts.**

One: Praise the Lord

All: **Let all God's children rejoice together! Amen.**

***HYMN # 33** "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you are loving and just. Forgive us when we do not care for all of creation and when we do not care for one another. Guide us when things are unfair so we can learn what your justice means and share your love on earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Congregational Response #578 "O Lord, Have Mercy"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria #583 (*sing twice*)

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God,

alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastors Matt & Saman

Children may attend Wee Worship after the message in the Chapel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 147:7-11

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,

prepares rain for the earth,

makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food

and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Thine The Amen, Thine The Praise

Carl Schalk

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting bread thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory thine thine the story thine the harvest thine the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up

*Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.*

*Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.*

*Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonderful surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise the the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the feast
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.*

*Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
The the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightest only thee only thee.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-18

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Run to Finish"
5 of 5 in the series, "The Gift that Is in You"

Pastor Matt

* **HYMN #377** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Meditation"

Colin Curtis

* Doxology #605

*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.*

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastors Betsy & Matt

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to be served communion by row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

* The Apostles' Creed (*see p. 35 of the hymnal*)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #835** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“The Hand of God”

Gregg Sewell

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final “Amen” to our worship.
Those who need to leave before the end of the postlude are free to do so quietly.*

We invite you downstairs to Hazelton Hall for Coffee Hour.

Today

Pastor Saman Perera will teach a class about the Presbyterian Church in Sri Lanka. He will also provide an update on life in Sri Lanka following political and economic upheaval and monsoon damage. Saman is a gifted international Christian leader and peacemaker. Come and enjoy the gift of his visit to us! **9AM in Room 222**



On the first Sunday of each month, children are invited to the Chapel for **Wee Worship** following the Children's Message. Today's lesson will be "Come and See Jesus."

Coming Up

Tuesday Nights Together • Sept. 8

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and conversation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code below, visiting bit.ly/rsvp-for-tnt, or by checking a recent church email for the link.

New 9AM Series Begins • Sept. 13

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul • Join us in Room 222 or on Zoom for a six-week video study with Pastor Adam Hamilton about the journeys of Paul. Invite a friend! Optional books are available in the church office.

Confirmation • Starts Sept. 13

An important milestone for young Christians, this program provides a space for 8th - 12th grade youth to explore their faith. We look at questions like: "What does it mean to call Jesus, Lord and Savior?" or "What is a Presbyterian?" Parents or youth, please let **Nick Robison** know if you are interested.

The Kindway Experience: Rooted in Community and a Foundation for Growth

Join Jan Elliott and a panel of five formerly incarcerated women as they share their personal stories and experiences with the Kindway prison ministry program.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7PM

World Communion Sunday • Oct. 4

Celebrate our connection with Christians and neighbors around the world through worship, food, and service.

• *Share a Taste of the World!* 🌐

Stay after worship Sunday, Oct. 4 for an International Potluck! Bring a dish, family recipe, or food that represents your heritage. Sign up at bit.ly/oct4_potluck or scan the QR code below.

• *International Fabrics Needed:* We are looking for fabric from all countries to drape on the communion tables for World Communion Sunday. Please

- o bring fabric to the church office on or before Monday, September 28
- o tag the fabric with your name
- o pick it up at 11 am on October 4.

• *CROP Hunger Walk:* Walk with WPC to fight hunger locally and around the world! Join us at Scioto Audubon Metro Park for the CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 4 at 1PM. All ages (and dogs) are welcome, with routes for every ability. Ways to get involved:

- 1) Walk with WPC: bit.ly/2026-crop-walk
- 2) Support Pastor Tom's friendly competition with Worthington pastors at bit.ly/pastor-tom-walks

Save the Dates:

Lemonade on the Lawn • Sept. 13

New Member Seminar • Sept. 20

Coat & Blanket Drive • Oct. 11-18

Red Cross Blood Drive • Oct. 12

Habitat Home Dedication • Oct. 15

Spooky Pooch Party & Parade • Oct. 15

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar? Find the latest updates and helpful links by scanning the QR code below or typing this link into your device: wpcnow.org/next

